(b) if so, the extent of damage caused and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the national highway serviceable throughout the whole year?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The section between Jonai to Dhemaji of NH-52 was damaged by the recent floods. All efforts are being made to maintain the National Highways including NH-52 in traffic worthy conditions within available resources. A sum of Rs. 1430.84 lakhs has been allocated to the Government of Assam for maintenance and repair of National Highways during 1996-97.

Development of Nizam Institute

2325. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposal for assistance of Rs. 30 crores from Japan to develop Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences was sent to the Union Government;

(b) whether these proposals are under consideration of the Government since 1991;

(c) whether Government was urged to request Japan for providing loans/assistance;

(d) if so, whether Government had approached Japan for providing loan to Nizam Institute, if so, the reaction of the Japan Government thereto; and

(e) the time by which the assistance is likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (e). Yes, Sir. The project proposal from Nizam Instt. of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad for assistance from Japan (DECF) for Rs. 30 crores was posed to Embassy of Japan on 27th Sept., 1993 for consideration under Japanese grant assistance. However, the project has not been considered by the Government of Japan.

[Translation]

Reservation in B.H.U.

2326. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the reservation provided to backwards and Dalits by the Union Government has not been implemented in Banaras Hindu University, so far; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). The reservation in the Central Universities are provided in the Statutes/Ordinances of the concerned Universities. According to the information furnished by the Banaras Hindu University, the University has been following policy of the Government in regard to reservation for SC/ST categories in both teaching and non-teaching posts. The University has also decided to provided reservation to OBCs in the non-teaching posts. The University has however not yet taken a decision with regard to reservation of teaching posts for the OBCs.

[English]

Production of Sukhoi-30 Aircrafts

2327. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to get production of Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft organised in the country to save rapid flow of foreign exchange; and

(b) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The contract concluded for procurement of SU-30MK aircraft provides for outright purchase of 40 aircraft with associated equipment and armament, followed by transfer of technology and licence production of the aircraft in India by HAL for subsequent supplies.

Health Programmes

2328. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several Health Programmes under his Ministry are executed directly by Non-Governmental organisations;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes awarded during the last three years;

(c) whether most of the grant is availed by few major NGOs only; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected.